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## WORDS THAT COUNT.

The speech of President Wilson in New York opening the Fourth Liberty Loan drive has not aroused much friendly comment abroad. The President, as the voice of America, at this time said some things that make it clear America is holding to her traditions, and does not propose to be dragged into any "special leagues or alliances" or associated with any "economic boycott" in the interest of any power or group of powers. All through his speech the President refers to the Allies as "our associates."

"We still read Washington's immortal warning against entangling alliances with full comprehension," says the President, and then he goes on to say that he looks forward to "the new day in which there will be a general agreement between all nations, an open agreement for the maintenance of the rights of all nations, great and small. When that general agreement is made," he says, "the weak shall not suffer without redress. The strong nations shall not be free to wrong the weak and make them subject to their purpose and interest."

These are indeed fine words. That they may be followed up by actions is the American prayer, and will be the prayer of all mankind when they understand. Spain is the only country so far that has in most eulogistic terms endorsed what the President has said, as far as we have seen. The others have not yet clearly answered. They are going to say their own say, America waits to hear from them as to their purpose.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

We are free to confess, asserts the True Voice, that the proposed league of nations guaranteed to preserve international peace does not rouse us to enthusiasm. Perhaps it is because we are more interested in winning the war than we are in anything else political that we fail to grasp the full possibilities of the scheme. The proposal is not a new one. More than a year ago ex-President Taft publicly advocated a league of nations to enforce peace. It was discussed in a desultory manner for a time, and then the public lost interest in it. Now President Wilson resurrects the idea in his latest public address and it is again a live question.

It also notes that English statesmen accept the idea—but with limitations. Under certain conditions, they believe, such a league would be practicable. But first this war must be won. Prussian militarism must be crushed before such a league can be considered. There is time enough to discuss means for insuring a lasting peace when, our more pressing duty has been performed, when we have succeeded in winning peace. We believe that is the proper attitude. We have first to make peace possible, and that can only be done in one way. An undefeated Germany would be a bar to the usefulness of any league of nations.

What may come after this war no man can say at this time. It may be that it will be possible to secure a union of nations so powerful and so devoted to peace that it would be suicidal for any nation to defy their authority. And perhaps such a league would itself be a menace to the peace of the world. If it would undertake to impose its own plans upon the world it would undoubtedly become a world danger. That is just what the Kaiser has been trying to do. The world objects to dictation, whether that comes from a number of nations or from a monarch crazed with power. That proposed league will need to be very benevolent and very tolerant or it will bring another catastrophe upon the world.

## REPRISAL POSSIBLE.

The glories of war may be a fit theme for the poet far removed from the scene of conflict, but there is another side to war that the press dispatches are now bringing out. Reprisal is spoken of as a possible means of checking wholesale destruction and devastation by the retreating German armies in France. It is an ugly word, but it may be necessary for nations to employ it in certain circumstances and it is justifiable when only in that way can wrong be prevented. An ultimatum to Germany regarding the ruthless destruction of cities and private property in Northern

France and Belgium is being urged on the Allies and the United States and is under consideration. The burning of Cambrai and St. Quentin and the devastation of one of the most popular regions of Europe as the Germans retreat has aroused great indignation, and it is said in diplomatic circles that Germany will be warned soon that if it allows the work of destruction to continue severe reprisal will follow. It is suggested that the cities on the Rhine would be marked for destruction and the Berlin Government told that for every French and Belgian city ruined without military reason a German city equally important and valuable, sentimentally and materially, will be laid waste.

Again the American Government, in reply to Germany's threat to execute American prisoners of war found in possession of shotguns, gave notice that if Germany carries out any such threat suitable reprisals will be taken. Secretary Lansing's reply declares that the use of shotguns is sanctioned by the Hague conventions, and that in comparison with other weapons now used in modern warfare the shotguns used by the American troops can not be the subject of legitimate or reasonable protest. Reprisals are the last resort and should not be employed while more lenient measures can be hoped to be effective. But severe as they are, they may be necessary to use them in this war of destruction. We hope that the threat alone will be sufficient to bring Prussian militarism to its senses. If that is not enough the reprisals themselves may be necessary.

## BULGARIANS SURRENDER.

The biggest development in the great war since the collapse of Russia came last week when Bulgaria unconditionally surrendered. Allied nations are placed in control of her railroads and all other means of transportation and are free to use them for the development of future military operations. All strategic points in Bulgaria are turned over to the Allies for occupation and the Bulgarian troops will be withdrawn from Greece and Serbia and disarmed. The surrender of Bulgaria will have an important bearing on the issue of the war. It will probably result in the separation of Turkey from the Central Powers and the early defeat of the Musselman forces. It will also open the way to the formation of another eastern front at the back door of Austria, and thus it will relieve the pressure upon Italy for the present and will probably weaken considerably the German strength on the western front. Eventually it may force Austria to seek peace on her own account in order to save her territory from invasion from the east. But these results may not be immediate; Bulgaria's defection is important, but it is not in itself decisive. The end of the war will not be brought about by one power retiring from the contest. It is the first in a series of collapses for which we hope, and which will be necessary to bring peace. In that sense it may be called the beginning of the end of the war. But the end itself may still be very far off.

## SURE SIGN OF PEACE.

Coincident with the talk of peace comes the notice that the Junior Order boys have advertised a flag raising, these self appointed defenders of the flag being mighty quiet during the stirring war times. Very little confidence should be felt in the eleventh hour attempt to "liberalize" the Government in Germany. Something was heard of that about a year ago when Erzberger was making his famous peace drive on a platform of "no annexations and no indemnities." But Germany remained under autocratic control just the same. There is no real demand in Germany for popular government. A man understands it. Except for the Socialists the people are satisfied with the Kaiser. There is little hope of the German Socialists playing the role of the Russian Bolsheviks. The place, and accordingly they, too, are devoted subjects of the Kaiser.

There is no longer any doubt that the famous Hindenburg line will soon be but a memory. Under the determined attacks of the Allies it is gradually crumbling. Doubtless there are other lines of defense behind to which the German army can retreat. But against the tactics

of Gen. Foch these lines will not stand long. His plan is to give the enemy no rest and no time to recuperate. What a change from the haphazard plans followed by the Allies up to last April! The wonder is that national jealousies should so long have been permitted to stand in the way of a unified command.

Our Catholic chaplains are the brightest stars in the service flag of American Catholicity. Pray for them daily that their work for souls may be most effective.

What an awful jolt it must be to the Prohibitionists to see their old enemy demon rum being used to fight the influenza plague in our army camps.

After the bond drive comes the "political drive" and it will be red hot, though somebody said "politics is adjourned."

## COMING EVENTS.

October 16-17—Grand euchar and lotto by St. Joseph's church members, at Vernon Club house.

October 23—Catholic Knights' reunion and card and lotto party, St. Martin's Hall.

## SOCIETY.

Lawrence Ford, of Jeffersonville, has been spending ten days in Indianapolis.

Miss Ann O'Keefe is visiting at Frankfort as the guest of Miss Mary Powers.

Mrs. Thomas M. Barry, of Beechmont, is able to be out again after an attack of influenza.

Mrs. J. H. Hauger and Mrs. Edward Thoben were in Nashville last week, visiting Mrs. George Austin Moore.

Mrs. Patrick Tracy, Jr., after spending several weeks in Indianapolis, is again at home in Jeffersonville.

Miss Edith Callahan, who has volunteered in relief work, is awaiting orders to sail with the Polish White Cross.

Albert S. Smith, the well known funeral director, has been confined to his home this past week with an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Mary Hays, who spent the past year in Frankfort, has returned to Jeffersonville and will make her home in that city.

William J. Chawck reports the arrival of a future Red Cross nurse at his home this week, both mother and child doing well.

Capt. Timothy O'Donovan, who was stationed in Jeffersonville, has gone to Columbus, Ohio, where he will remain indefinitely.

Theodore McCormick and daughter, Miss Alice, visited Cushman recently, the guests of the latter's grandfather, Milton Brady.

Dan Lavelly was a recent Sunday guest of his sister, Mrs. Pius Whelan, at Bardonia, where his friends are always glad to welcome him.

Desk Sergeant William J. Connors, of ability and of wide acquaintance, is ill with influenza at his home on East Ormsby avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelly, who visited Mrs. Kelly's aunt, Joseph Huffman, in Jeffersonville, have returned to their home in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Frank Driscoll left Sunday to visit her son, Private Frank Driscoll, of the cavalry, at Leon Springs, Texas, he being ill with an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. O'Brien, Mrs. Frank Kelly and W. A. Burke were among the Louisville visitors receiving many courtesies from New York friends the past week.

Mrs. B. J. McDevitt and children and Miss Anne Brennan, who have been spending the summer in New York and the East, have returned to their home in Cherokee Parkway.

Attorney William M. Duffy, the well known amateur athletic leader, has heard the call of Uncle Sam and will leave next Thursday to join the artillery branch of the service.

Mrs. William Speak has returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lutz in Indianapolis. Mrs. Speak was a guest at the banquet of the Daughters of Isabella.

Henry Maloney and Joseph R. Kelly, of the Great Lakes encampment, were here this week on a five-day furlough, both looking extremely well and happy in their sailor togs.

James O'Brien left Wednesday evening to visit his brother, W. C. O'Brien, who is ill at Camp Greenleaf, Ga. Private O'Brien, better known as "Bud," is a former star in the City Baseball League.

Martin, a member of the Lakes squadron, came today on a week's visit to his family. He was accompanied by Rev. Father Frank Mar, who had gone there on a visit.

Lewis, a prominent resident of Syracuse, arrived Wednesday evening to take the officers' training course at Camp Zachary Taylor. For some time past he has been an instructor of the men stationed at Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt P. Corcoran, South Twenty-fourth street, have returned from New York City, where they were guests at the Hotel McAlpin and witnessed the wonderful

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Mrs. Otto H. Voyles was hostess to her club Thursday afternoon at her home in New Albany, when her guests included Messdames O'Neil Sauer, Louis Graf, Edward Koetter, Frank E. Wolfe, Louis Vernia, James Thornton, Owen Tegar, William E. Falk, John A. Cody, Frank Genung and Miss May Flynn.

Miss Florence Lighton Buck and George B. Barret will be united in marriage in the parlors of St. Bridget's church next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Father Jansen officiating. The bride-to-be is a well known and accomplished young lady of the West End, while the groom-to-be is a local practicing attorney, former member of the Legislature and prominent in Democratic politics.

## OCTOBER INTENTION.

Our Holy Father asks us to pray during the month of October for many and holy priests. The intention calls to our mind that day in the life of Christ when He looked over the crowd that gathered about Him and had compassion upon them. They were like sheep without a shepherd. His heart was moved and He said to His Disciples: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, then, therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His harvest." Today the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Therefore does our Holy Father ask us to pray for many and holy priests.

## SISTERS ARE SERVING.

Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of Charity of Nazareth have volunteered their services and been accepted by the military authorities at Camp Taylor, where many nurses are said to be ill. Four Sisters of Charity from St. Joseph's Hospital, of Lexington, and five Sisters of Mercy from the Brook and College streets home left Monday to assist in nursing Spanish influenza victims there. Four others left from St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital last week, and if necessary, like the Nurses of the Battlefield, many more will follow.

## SISTER HUBERTA INJURED.

Sister Huberta, for many years Mother Superior at St. Mary, and Elizabeth Hospital and widely known in Louisville, but now Mother Superior of St. Vincent's Academy in Union county, met with a serious accident recently on her way back from Uniontown. In company with three other Sisters the carriage in which they were riding was run into by a farmer's wagon and overturned. Sister Huberta sustaining two fractures of her leg between ankle and knee. Dr. Roberts, from this city, set the broken limb.

## ARRIVES SAFELY.

Mrs. Theresa Leonard and Mrs. May Canty, 2502 West Walnut street, have received cards announcing the safe arrival in France of Harry Leonard, who is with the artillery forces of the Lincoln division.

## CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

The Catholic Federation, complying with the order of the health authorities, passed its regular monthly meeting, which was called for Thursday night.

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**Bedsprings:** an extra large-bed size; finished with hemmed or scalloped edges; a \$4.50 quality; specially priced for this sale at, each.....\$3.98  
**Blankets:** a nice weight in a full-bed size; shown in white only, with pink or blue borders; a \$3.98 quality; on sale at, per pair.....\$3.29  
**Comforts:** large-bed size comforts in an extra heavy weight; filled with white cotton and covered with fancy floral satin; specially priced at, each.....\$4.50  
**Wool Comforts:** in a large-bed size; these are very soft, fine comforts, covered with fine floral silk with border of plain colored silk to match; on sale at the special price, each.....\$4.50  
**Bedsprings:** Crochet Spreads in a full-bed size; hemmed ready for use; a \$2.00 quality; specially priced for Monday at, each.....\$1.80  
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Brooksville, who presided over the  
convention that nominated Gov.  
Stanley, the Kentucky Irish Ameri-  
can received the following tribute to  
the late Senator Ollie James, and  
comment on the political situation  
in Kentucky:

Editor Kentucky Irish American.  
When Ollie M. James died at  
Baltimore a few weeks ago Ken-  
tucky and the nation suffered the  
greatest loss sustained in the death  
of any public man since the as-  
sassination of President Lincoln.  
Like Lincoln, it was not his abili-  
ties that made the people weep at  
his death, but it was the very high-  
est order—that drew the people to  
him and held them with him, but  
it was that thorough knowledge of  
their wants, desires and aspirations  
which he had, supplemented by  
their implicit confidence in his abili-  
ties to fight their battles and his  
unswerving determination to do it  
that made the people weep at his  
death as they have never loved and  
trusted any other public man since  
the days of Henry Clay. Like all  
great men, especially great Ameri-  
cans, he had the faculty of forget-  
ting self and selfish interests and  
standing as true as the needle to  
the pole to what he conceived to be  
his duty to the people, and whether  
on the hustings, on the floor of  
some great convention, in the lower  
house of Congress or in that great  
deliberative branch known as the  
Senate, James was always the same  
great tribune of the people before  
whose matchless eloquence, piercing  
intelligence, intrepid courage and  
unquestionable honesty, dirt and chicanery  
disappeared like the chaff before the  
wind. He was not one of those  
who, tolling up the steps of life,  
attained greatness—neither did he  
have greatness thrust upon him. He  
was simply born and gravitated  
(didn't have to fight his way) into  
his true position in life with that  
same certainty that all living  
entities turn toward the light. In  
fact when you saw and knew the  
man it was as impossible not to  
recognize his greatness as it was  
not to be not to see his ruggedness  
and grandeur in the towering mountain  
peak or beauty and sublimity in the  
Cerulean dome of the heavens. Like  
Lincoln, his early education was  
neglected and limited, yet college  
Presidents and scholars and edu-  
cators of the highest order, includ-  
ing statesmen and diplomats from  
all civilized nations of the earth,  
were proud to call him friend and  
listen to his words of wisdom on  
any subject he was pleased to  
discuss. His clearness and lucidity of  
thought showed that he had a per-  
fect understanding of the matter in  
hand, and the man behind the  
words carried conviction to all who  
heard him. He had as little use  
for the disordered rectorial who  
was willing to lie down and let the  
scum of creation settle over him  
as he had for the long-haired, wild-  
eyed fanatic who is bent on re-  
forming everything and everybody  
and forcing on all other people  
whatever opinion he may for the  
time have, or imagines he has on  
any given subject. Fads and fan-  
cies had no place in his legislative  
programme, but in all his public  
life he adhered closely to the  
limitations of the constitution of  
his country and was always governed  
and directed by its guiding hand,  
but especially did he heed that  
admonition of the organic law  
which says that "absolute and  
arbitrary power lies no place, not  
even in the greatest majority," and  
as a consequence he always held  
sacred the personal rights and  
liberties of his fellow citizens. In  
the great world tragedy into which  
our country was dragged against  
her will by the criminal stupidity  
and avarice of the German  
Junkers, and in which we are now  
destined to play so mighty a part,  
James was the man of all men in  
the Senate upon whom President  
Wilson leaned in every great  
emergency, and never did he lean  
upon him nor trust him in vain,  
for when at the beginning of the  
war the disloyalty of the pro-Ger-  
mans and the imbecility of the so-  
called pacifists was about to trans-  
form our nation into a bedlam of  
howling derelictions, warring in-  
dividuals and warring interests, it  
was the leadership of James in the  
Senate that steadied and stabilized  
the legislative branch of our Gov-  
ernment and impressed our whole  
people with the potent fact that we  
are a nation and that our first duty  
is to stand by our country when its  
honor or the liberties of its people  
are at stake, that we are Americans  
first of all. But he is gone and we  
shall not soon see his like again.  
Kentucky and the nation will be  
long without him. Peace to his  
ashes and rest to his soul. The  
Democratic party, through its regu-  
larly constituted authority, has  
nominated Gov. Stanley for the of-  
fice which has been made vacant  
by the death of Senator James, a  
splendid choice, for there is not  
within the State one who measures  
more nearly up to the high stand-  
ard of statesmanship set by the late  
Senator nor another upon whose  
shoulders the great toga of the  
fallen James will so gracefully rest  
as on the shoulders of Kentucky's  
militant Governor. He is not un-  
known to the nation nor the world  
and his loyalty to his party prin-  
ciples and leaders when he figured  
in national politics will stand him  
in good stead now. He is Presi-  
dent Wilson's personal friend and  
trusted confidant, and he will be

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to the polls and elect all Democrats,  
and by so doing honor the memory  
of Senator James and extend a vote  
of confidence to our great Presi-  
dent and his administration, and  
serve a further notice on Kaiser  
Bill and his Junkers that President  
Wilson is sustained and supported  
in his programme of "force without  
stint or limit" in pulling tyrants  
down from their strongholds and  
making the world a decent place in  
which to live. W. A. BYRON.

**THE ROSARY.**

Not on the flute, nor harp of many

strings

Shall all men praise the Master

of all song,

Our life is brief, one saith, and

art is long;

And skilled must be the laureates

of kings.

Silent, O lips that utter foolish

things—

Rest, awkward fingers striking

all notes wrong!

How from your loil shall issue,

white and strong,

Music like that God's chosen poet

sings?

There is one harp that any hand

can play,

And from its strings what har-

monies arise!

There is one song that any mouth

can say—

A song that lingers when all

singing dies.

When on their beads our Mother's

children pray

Immortal music charms the grate-  
ful skies.

—Joyce Kilmer.

**STAND FOR ONE CAUSE.**

E. de Cartier, the Belgian Min-  
ister, the members of the Belgian  
mission to this country, and a  
group of Belgian officers attended  
services at St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Saturday morning, together with  
American soldiers and officers and  
that if God calls one cause—the  
Liberty Loan campaign, when  
services were held and a mass said  
for those who have died in the  
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which he said:

"We come to celebrate this mass  
for the dead of the field of battle.  
Today the same prayer goes up  
that eternal rest may be theirs.  
We are glad that we can put our  
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Again the Government comes to the people of the country with the request that they lend their money, and lend it upon a more liberal scale than ever before, in order that the great war for the rights of America and the liberation of the world may be prosecuted with ever increasing vigor to a victorious conclusion. And it makes the appeal with the greatest confidence because it knows that every day it is becoming clearer and clearer to thinking men throughout the nation that the winning of the war is an essential requirement. The money that is held back now will be of little use or value if the war is not won and the selfish masters of Germany are permitted to dictate what America may and may not do. Men in America, besides, have from the first and are now dedicated both their lives and their fortunes to the vindication and maintenance of the great principles and objects for which our Government was set up. They will not fail now to show the world for what their wealth was intended.

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